

Midnight Worker
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There's something comforting
in the sound of dishes
being washed late at night
when the garden is frozen.
It gives the world hope.
Every other light
on the building is out.
Just that one person
cleaning dishes
not talking, restoring
some regularity
to the order of things.
Knowing that someone
somewhere
is getting something done
and we're not all just
watching each other
letting it crack up
with the moon lit
and the rats down
amongst the bins
is the only thing
holding tomorrow
back.